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SUBJECT: POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND AID TO ITALY--
SCHMIDT STATEMENT

1. JULY 17 HOBART RO EN STORY BASED ON FRIDAY JULY 16
WASHINGTON PRESS INTERVIEW BY FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT
QUOTES SCHMIDT AS SAYING THE FRG, THE US, FRANCE AND THE
UK AGREED AT PUERTO RICO THAT THEY WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT
PARTICIPATE IN A LOAN RESCUE OPERATION FOR ITALY IF COM-
MUNISTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE NEW ITALIAN CABINET. ROWEN
STORY ADDS: "US OFFICIALS REFUSED COMMENT FOR THE
RECORD. HOWEVER, IT WAS CONFIRMED US POSITION IS SUB-
STANTIALLY AS SCHMIDT OUTLINED IT." AND, "SCHMIDT SAID
THE FOUR-POWER POSITION AGAINST COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION
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IN THE ITALIAN CABINET IS A "POLITICAL CONDITION" OF ANY

LOAN EFFORT."

2. UNDERSTAND THAT IN A JULY 17 TAPED TV INTERVIEW
SCHMIDT ADDED SOME PERSPECTIVE TO EXPLAIN CONTEXT AND
SOFTEN IMPACT OF ROWEN STORY. TEXT OF FOLLOW-UP
INTERVIEW NOT REPEAT NOT YET AVAILABLE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
IS MAKING ABSOLUTELY NO REPEAT NO COMMENT. YOU ALSO

SHOULD NOT COMMENT IN ANY WAY ON THE STORY. ROBINSON

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